

**TOWN OF GRANBY
COMMISSION ON AGING
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
January 14, 2013**

PRESENT: Dr. Peter Barwick, Joanne Desrosiers, Karen Hood, Neil Kraner, Incy Muir, Dorothy Prior, Bruce Sullivan; Staff Present: Kerry Kielbasa, Director of Human Services; Sandy Yost, Program Coordinator

GUEST: Deborah Mullins (Meadowbrook)

Dr. Barwick confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 11/13/12:

ON A MOTION BY Bruce Sullivan, seconded by Incy Muir, the Commission voted (7-0-0) to approve the minutes of November 13, 2012 as written.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH:

- Ms. Yost reported that Katie Erickson is the volunteer of the month for November for her assistance with the Thanksgiving meal. Cassidy Irzyck is the volunteer of the month for December for her assistance with the holiday dinner.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT:

a. Sandy Yost, Program Coordinator

- The next meal will be a Valentine Dinner. So far, 21 individuals have signed up.
- Sandy Fleet from the Farmington Valley VNA will conduct a program on de-cluttering and a budget seminar.
- The tax assistance program will begin soon.
- The civic engagement group is working on some advertising to get the word out about the durable medical equipment closet. They have also created some business cards which will be distributed to area businesses, i.e. pharmacies, urgent care center, etc. There will also be an article in the Drummer about the group with the hope of attracting more participants.
- A retired contractor now provides services as an 'on-call handyman' through the Senior Center. Ms. Yost will take the information and refer people to him.
- A dental hygienist who started up a portable dental care clinic contacted the senior center staff about possibly offering the service at the center. She is licensed and provides cleanings only. She can also do an assessment and make referrals. She charges \$70 per visit. She does provide this service at the Woodbridge Senior Center and Ms. Yost has contacted them, as well as the Farmington Valley Health District. She will also contact the Granby Community Fund to see if they can pick up some of the cost.

b. Bruce Sullivan, Senior Club Treasurer

- The checkbook balance is presently \$6,998.61.
- Dorothy Prior stated she will be visiting other senior centers to meet with people regarding their senior clubs. She stated it has been difficult to get new members and there is ambivalence among some of the present members regarding fundraising, even though it is part of the mission.
- Ms. Prior has spoken to Michelle Neidermeyer regarding holding a fundraiser at Lost Acres Vineyard. This is just in the beginning stages but at this point, she is looking at a Thursday evening possibly in June.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/TRANSPORTATION REPORT

- Ms. Kielbasa reported that the budgets have been completed and have been turned in. She does not anticipate any increases.
- Ms. Kielbasa met with Scott Hayes from Dalene Flooring. She hopes to have a price within the next couple of weeks, along with a deadline of how long the price is good for.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

- All reports for the vans have been done. Last quarter, there were 1,935 trips and a total of 122 miles for 495 hours. This was consistent with the previous quarter

OLD BUSINESS

- Joanne Desrosiers contacted the YMCA regarding possible swim time. She was given all their usual fees and information regarding financial aid/scholarships. Ms. Kielbasa suggested she speak to the new Director who is very community oriented. Ms. Desrosiers will contact area Y's to get information on their collaboration with senior centers and will also contact Westminster school to see if that is an option.
- Ms. Desrosiers stated the Elmwood Senior Center has dancing on Friday afternoons. She inquired if a trip could be planned. Ms. Yost will offer it once to see how much interest there is.
- Ms. Hood noted the surveys are due on February 8th. She will have the results for the next meeting and would like to put them in the next newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

- There is a public flu clinic at the Granby VNA office on Monday, January 21st from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Individuals should call ahead and make an appointment.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Bruce Sullivan, seconded by Karen Hood, the commission voted (7-0-0) to adjourn at 2:25 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary